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### March 7-10, 1990 Conference

#### PUBLIC HISTORY CONFERENCE EXPLORES PRESERVATION OF ETHNIC COMMUNITIES, URBAN ARCHAEOLOGY AND SAN DIEGO'S ARTS FESTIVAL

The chairman of the Columbus 500 Quincentenary Jubilee Commission, the California State Archivist and representatives from the Johnson Space Center, the Smithsonian Institution and the National Endowment for the Humanities are expected at the 12th Annual Conference on Public History and the annual meeting of the Southwest Oral History Association at San Diego's Horton Grand Hotel.

"History: Cities, Parks and People"- a four day conference focuses on public and oral history's interests in urban and metropolitan communities. Conference sponsors include the University of San Diego with Dean Ray Brandes organizing local efforts. Highlights from the more than thirty sessions, include:

\* "Preserving Ethnic Communities"

Bianca Floyd of the African American Historical Society in Prince George's County, Maryland, Amalio Madueno of the National Council of La Raza in Washington, D.C. and San Diego's Beverly Yip of the Union of Pan Asian Communities (UPAC) will discuss innovative and successful preservation efforts in their communities. (Friday, March 9 at 10:15 a.m.)

\* "From the Rose Parade to Marilyn Monroe's Curves"

A discussion on the changing Los Angeles art community from 1955 - 1985. (Friday, March 9 at 10:15 a.m.)

\* "Reflections on the San Diego Soviet Arts Festival, 1989" Bruce Herring, Executive Director of the Festival will discuss this controversial event. Sal Giametta, Assistant to the Mayor for Arts and Cultural Affairs, will chair this session. (Saturday, March 10 at 8:30 a.m.)

\* "The Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Commission: West Coast Plans for 1990-92" Details of this worldwide celebration marking the 200th anniversary of Columbus' voyage to America will be revealed by John Goudie, Chairman of the Quincentenary Commission, Washington, D.C. (Sat. March 10 at 8:30 a.m.)

\* "Historical Preservation Planning at Military Installations." Participants will tour the Naval Training Center in Point Loma with Neil Robinson, archaeologist with the Army Corps of Engineers in Alabama. (Sat. March 10 at 1 p.m.)

\* "The Potential for Historians in Writing the History of Space Exploration." John Culp, V.P. of Omniplan Corporation, Johnson Space Center, will discuss this controversial issue as the U.S. space program gains steam. (Saturday March 10 at 3:45 p.m.)

Papers presented will also cover urban and community history in France, Britain and Europe. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour many of San Diego's historic sites, including the downtown Gaslamp Quarter, Balboa Park, the Maritime Museum and the Hotel del Coronado.

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